



# Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association

The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the  
Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association  
held at Needham Market Community Centre  
on Monday 30th September, 2002

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

Those present:- John Hayward (Chairman), Margaret Southgate (Vice Chairman),  
Marion Brown (Secretary), Paul Goulding (Treasurer), Keith Armes Derek Brown,  
Steven Cain, Dave Cask, Paul Cousins, Rita Daniels, Arvon Evans, Sally Goodrich,  
Jim Goodrich, Richard Sago, John Varden, and Tony Webber.

The Chairman welcomed Paul Cousins to the Committee as this was his first meeting  
as a member of this Committee

1. Apologies.

There were no apologies as every member of the Committee were in attendance.

2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising:-

a) It was noted that the previous meeting was held on 8th July and not 15th as  
printed.

4. The Chairman's Report.

The Chairman said that he had nothing to report other than to mention the  
Durham Weekend, the County Trials and the Six Counties Championships would  
be reported on by other members of the Committee during the course of this  
meeting. John also mentioned the Summer Leagues play off day and thanked  
Margaret Southgate, John Varden, Marion and Derek Brown and Tony Webber for  
their assistance.

It was also noted that when bowlers are participating in events such as play  
off day very few offer assistance in the preparation and clearing equipment,  
It would be very much appreciated, in future, if players would offer  
assistance.

5. Secretary's report:-

a) Junior/Senior Competition.

The Secretary pointed out that there was a notable lack of support from  
members of the committee at this event.

Marion read out a report of this event as sent in by Andy Gilder the  
organiser of this competition. This event was held at Bildeston village Hall  
with 12 teams entering. This was a close fought competition with some  
excellent bowling from all the juniors. The seniors didn't do so badly  
either! As the round robin stages were coming to a close, it was clear to  
see that it was going to be a close run thing as to who was going through to  
the next stage. Eventually we had our 2 group winners, both teams were from  
Gt. Barton, the A team of Bill MacKay and Paul Davison and the B team of Pat  
Noble and Edwin Frost. The runners-up were a little closer with both groups  
having 3 teams on 6 pts. The runners-up in group 1 were Max Brundle and Wal  
Kittle (Chelmondiston) with 6 pts and 41 shots, and from group 2, Georgie  
Woolard and Monica Chard (Stratford St Mary) with 6 pts and 32 shots.

The semi-finals were both closely fought with Max Brundle and Wal Kittle

(Chelmondiston) along with Paul Davison and Bill Mackay ( Gt. Barton) winning their respective semi's. The final was well fought with neither team willing to give in easily.

The final result was a win for the team from Gt. Barton. All in all it was a good day, all juniors enjoyed it, and when asked if they would come back next year, it was a unanimous yes.

The Committee would like to thank Andy for organising and running this event. A trophy had been purchased for this event and was paid for by Rita Daniels. Clubs please book this date SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST 2003. as this will be the date for next years competition.

- b) One new club had joined the Association - Rumburgh and St Michael's. A welcome letter will be sent to them. Also Mellis has shown an interest in joining. Tony, Derek and Marion have visited both these clubs and given a demonstration.
- c) A letter of thanks was received from Mary Puttergill who has retired as Centre Manager of Needham Market Community Centre for the gift sent on behalf of the S.C.B.A.
- d) A letter had been received from Stutton C.B.C. suggesting that the number of players taking part in the summer leagues might be increased to 16. The Committee felt that as numbers were in the decline rather than increase this should remain at 12.

6. Press Officer's Report.

Sally reported that on the Cup and Plate fixtures the last line should read loser instead of winner.

7. The Treasurer's report:-

a) Community Account	£3494.71
High Interest Account	<u>£2559.47</u>
	£6054.18

8. County Business:-

Captain's Report:- A copy of the Six Counties Championships is enclosed with these minutes.

- a) Durham Visit:- Margaret Southgate reported an enjoyable weekend had been spent in the north and that subsidy that had been requested would not be needed as a small profit had been made. Rita Daniels thanked those who had organised this and Marion pointed out this had been down to Margarets efforts. Arvon Evans said that Collingwood College in which Suffolk members had stayed was a great success and that this should again be booked in the future. Marion reported that Durham have been invited to come to us on August 2nd/3rd 2003. Needham Market Community Centre has been booked.
- b) County Trials:- Tony Webber reported that he considered the Trials this year were an improvement on last year and that most of the current County Squad performed well also one or two new people were promising.
- c) Raffles for County Events:- The arrangements which had been used in previous would continue and Margaret Southgate agreed to organise this with monies for this being provided from the £5.00 which Suffolk Clubs pay for this purpose which is included in the Annual Subscription. Jane Sago would purchase the prizes for the Hadleigh venues, Rita Daniels for Leiston and Paul Goulding for Moreton Hall/Risby. John Varden agreed to run the raffles at other County events.
- d) Refreshments:- As this is the beginning of another season the matter of providing refreshments at County events as required was placed on the agenda as this is every year. Rita Daniels was asked if she would continue to provide this service. Thankfully she agreed to do this.
- e) Election of Selectors:- The County selectors for the coming season following a proposal by Paul Goulding and seconded by Rita Daniels and elected by a majority decision were as follows: Derek Brown and Arvon Evans would continue and will be joined by Jim Goodrich.

9. Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association Report

The next meeting will be held on 10th October 2002 at 8.p.m at the New Astley Club, Newmarket. Paul Goulding will act as delegate.

10. English Carpet Bowls Association Report

The Treasurer reported a balance of £10,294.00.

Several members had attended the Sport for Disability Show at Coventry.

The Referees courses are almost ready to start.

Direction for the future of the E.C.B.A. A report of this will be sent to all Committee members of the S.C.B.A.

The Champion of Champions is to be held once again in Barnsley 2003.

11. Any other business.

a) Derek Brown reported that Suffolk had been congratulated upon their excellence of their dress code and conduct at the Six Counties Championships.

b) Following the concern of Bildeston C.B.C. on the condition of the trophy which they had received as part of the Suffolk League Championships, the Committee would further discuss this at the next meeting.

c) Tony Webber asked if Suffolk would like their results posted on the MELD web site. It was agreed that this offer would be accepted and that publicity such as this is a good idea.

d) It was asked if Sally as Press Secretary was expected to attend all County events to make reports on these and could her position be clarified as to her job description. It was agreed that she was not expected to attend functions to make reports but she would send reports to the press if asked to do so provided these were sent to her.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 09.42p.m.

Date of next meeting 25th November, 2001.

# SUFFOLK CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

## SIX COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP 2002

The 2002 Six Counties Championship event was hosted by Bedfordshire and played off at the Putteridge Centre in Luton on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

Suffolk went into this competition as the holders, with hopes of retaining the title for another year. As the League winners for the 2001 / 2002 season Suffolk were in with a good chance of pulling it off.

The day started with Suffolk being presented with the League Shield and individual awards for the players. Following the presentation it was down to the main business of the day.

In the first session Suffolk played three rinks against Bedfordshire, who are normally one of the teams we would expect to take points from. On this occasion Bedfordshire found the mats better than Suffolk managing to take 4 of the 6 points available. (not a good start for Suffolk)

The second session proved to be better, as Suffolk took all 6 points from the next three rinks, also versus Bedfordshire.

In the third session the opponents were Norfolk, another disaster as Suffolk again were held to just 2 points from a possible 8.

Session four was a mixed one, with two games against Norfolk and two against Hertfordshire. The two against Norfolk went to Suffolk, and one of the two against Hertfordshire also went to Suffolk. Giving Suffolk 6 points.

The fifth session was four rinks of Suffolk versus Hertfordshire, this time honours were even as both teams scored 4 points.

The next session was against Cambridgeshire, which we knew was going to be difficult. As it happened Suffolk came good, taking 5 of the 8 points.

At this stage in the competition Suffolk had pulled back the deficit from the early rounds and were in second place, 5 points behind Cambridgeshire. There was still a chance we could make it to the top, if we were able to continue winning and Cambridgeshire dropped a few games.

Session seven was another mixed one, with two rinks against Essex and two against Cambridgeshire. The two Cambridgeshire games went to Suffolk and also one of the Essex games, giving Suffolk a further 6 points.

The eighth and final session was to be against Essex. Suffolk needed to win all four games while Cambridgeshire had to lose two, for Suffolk to retain the trophy. It was going to be a hard task, but not beyond the Suffolk squad of this season. The four rinks fought all the way, coming back from a deficit in one case to win three games, and only losing the fourth with the last wood of the game.

Cambridgeshire managed to hold on and only lose one of their last games to be declared the winners for 2002 with Suffolk as runners up.

### FINAL POSITIONS

Cambridgeshire	40 Points
Suffolk	37 Points
Norfolk	35 Points
Essex	27 Points
Hertfordshire	25 Points
Bedfordshire	20 Points